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"Hey fellas...here's a peachy DNQ."

FAIRCON TO BE REGIONAL CON

On November 28 a meeting of the Faircon Committee was held at the home of Belle and Frank Dietz. Present were Jas. Taurasi, Frank Prieto, Hans Santesson, Walt Cole, the Dietzes, GN Raybin, and Joe Casey. Belle was elected Chairman, Frank Secretary; Frank sent us a carbon copy of the minutes.

A motion was made "...that the purpose of the organization be the running of a regional conference to be known as the Faircon, to be held over the July 4th weekend in 1964 in conjunction with the New York Worlds Fair and to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the First World Science Fiction Convention." After lengthy discussion, the question was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Seventeen people, including Forrest J Ackerman in absentia, were elected to membership in the Committee. A motion was approved unanimously "That we accept applications for membership from any science fiction fan who is in agreement with the purposes of this committee." Forry Ackerman was appointed West Coast Representative and Sam Moskowitz as Advisor, "provided they are willing to serve."

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STOP DUPER FLASH EXTRA, like:

The tenth issue of Ron Bennett's SKYRACK carried the front-page information that this year's TAFF fund is a success--that there is now definitely enough money on hand to send one of the three candidates to England this spring. Of course, the results of the voting will not be final until 31 Dec 59, so the winner is not yet known.

However, administrators Bennett and Madle have decided to put forward the date of the return trip and have high hopes of seeing a delegate representing European fandom at the World Convention in Pittsburgh in 1960. Time is obviously the chief obstacle to the plan, and accordingly nominations for candidates are urgently invited. Qualifications are as in previous years: 1) each candidate must be nominated by 3 well-known fans from Britain & /or the continent, and 2 from North America. 2) A bond of good faith of \$5.00 or 35 shillings must accompany the nomination. 3) The chief nominator must provide a 100-word platform to be printed on the official ballot. 4) Candidate must sign declaration of intention to travel to Pittsburgh if elected. 5) NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15, 1960. Nominations, contributions and votes must be sent to Bob Madle, 672 Ripley Street, Brookville, Alexandria, Virginia, or to Ron Bennett, 7 Southway, Arthurs Avenue, Harrogate, Yorkshire, England. No late nominations can be considered.

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TAFF ballots are being circulated with this issue of FANAC to stateside readers. This is absolutely a last-minute affair--the deadline to vote to send Terry Carr, Bjo Wells or Don Ford to the British Nat'l convention is the last day of this year. Votes which reach Madle or Bennett after this date will not be counted. VOTE. (at least contribute).

LECHERS, ART STUDENTS AND FANS: FANAC offers you a rare opportunity, a special feature never equalled by VOM in its best days. The second FANNISH is now in preparation, and model Trina Castillo has Agreed to pose for our cover. Trina and your evil editors agree that this would be fan art unexcelled--think of it, a full-page, photo-offset photograph of one of fandom's most attractive femme-fans, wearing a beanie. Yes, you read rightly--she will be wearing exactly that--a beanie. But we can't do it unless we get angels to cover the cost of -- we hesitate to say "reproduction". Sid Coleman has already grown wings to the tune of 50¢, and he suggests that 19 other people do the same. FANAC promises that any money above the actual cost of the cover will be put into cost of the 2nd annish, which will probably be the same size as last year's anniversary issue, and will contain the complete results of the 1959 FANAC poll (circulated with this issue).

PARTY PARTY FOUTY PARTY DEPT: The Los Angeles SF Society (a group of senile sci-fi enthusiasts in Southern California) will hold its ~~senile~~ annual New Year's Eve Party at the home of Len & Anna Moffatt, 10202 Belcher Street, Downey, Calif. Of all things, they have picked New Year's Eve for this--why, those crazy fans won't be sobered up in time for the Rose Bowl, I bet. We weren't last year, anyway. Admission is priced at an outrageous dollar each (marked up from \$0.98) and it'll probably be worth it to see LA fandom drunk as a lord. A bargain at twice the price, as we always say. BYOB.

CACTUS #2 (Sture Sedolin, Box 403, Vallingby 4, Sweden; \$1/10 ish sub). The cover looks like an underhanded attempt to beat us to the punch with fotos of attractive femme-fans: it features shots of Bjo, Silvia Dees White, and Miriam Carr. However, all three of them are wearing more than Trina will be wearing on the 2nd FANNISH cover (pronounced fannysh). The interior of CACTUS lives up to the promise of the excellent cover: material by Nelson's gift to the world, and Nelson, Alan Burns, Terry Jeeves, Bob Lichtman (who reviews fanzines thoroughly), and Clayton Hamlin.

BOICON NEWS #1 is now out, published by Guy Terwilleger, 1412 Albright St., Boise, Idaho, containing all the news on next year's Westercon plus some humorous nonsense in the manner of the Seattle Westercon's REGRESSION REPORTS. It's free on request. Main heretofor-unpublished news in this issue is that the Seattle committee passed on \$60, and that Terwilleger misspelled "loses" in half-inch high letters. Write to him for a copy if you're interested in attending.

SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES will have a change in management beginning with issue after next. John Trimble will be the new editor, and will turn over the fanzine-review column to Bob Lichtman.

And while I'm speaking of Shaggy, I'd like to note that my review of the mag in HOBGOBLIN #1 appeared in print to be much more of a panning than I'd intended, and that I said one or two things that I wish I hadn't. So here's a public apology to Shaggy.

There'll be no HOBGOBLIN with this issue of FANAC, incidentally, simply because the deadline crept up on me. There should definitely be one next time.

--tgc



**NEW ZEALAND** fandom also holds Hallowe'en parties, says Mervyn Barrett of Wellington, only they research them more. He went to the public library, and asked for books on Black Magic. "You might find something here," said the librarian, pointing to a couple of shelves, "although most of this section deals with spiritualism." Merv wanted something more basic. "You know, how to conjure up devils and revive the dead and perform Black Masses & like that. Oh, and while you're getting it, will you see if you've got any books that contain fotos of some of the well-known monsters that have been created for films?" This, for some reason, completely shook her, and she blurted out in a tone of voice that carried the ring of genuine concern for the safety of the human race, "Good heavens, what are you going to do?"

**SPRECHEN SIE FAN DEPT:** Burkhard Blum, of (16) Hofheim Ried, Jakobstrasse 17, Germany, would like to correspond with English-speaking fans between 15 and 25 years of age. He is 16, and writes English passably, and does not want to write in German.

**SKYRACK #9** (Ron Bennett, 7 Southway, Arthurs Av, Harrogate, Yorks, England). Send 2/6d to Bennett, or 35¢ to h/s USAgent Bob Pavlat (6001 - 43rd St, Hyattsville, Md) for six issues of the newest pseudo-FANAC in the genre--and, incidentally, the best to date. Ekrk is published monthly, and this issue contains, besides gossip and TAFF plugs, all the necessary facts about the split in London fandom which has destroyed the London Circle and caused the re-organization of some of that group into the S F Club of London. (Address of this new club is on last page in COA sect.)

**GO HOME, ART RAPP:** You'd enjoy Detroit more than ever these days, Art--they're back at it. Mary Young reports that Martin Alger has bought a new car which he offered to Mable and Roger for their honeymoon transportation. It's a 1948 Packard hearse, complete with rollout table, red plush and fringed curtains.

**BRUCE PELZ**, unmindful of the lessons he must have learned by being closely associated with California fandom all during the month of September, has decided to move to Los Angeles. He has a job with the USC library, and will arrive on the West Coast more or less around the end of December.

**PITTCON** memberships are going at \$2 a head, and money should be sent to Dirce Archer (Chairman) or P. Schuyler Miller (Treasurer) at 1453 Barnsdale St, Pittsburgh 17, Pa. Dirce points out that hotel rates were given in the Detroit programme booklet, and adds that 25% will be knocked off for suites, and people should make arrangements for this with the penn Sheraton hotel. Pitt's first progress report is now being prepared, and ads should be sent immediately to Dirce.

**SAMO** is preparing a fannish-faces fanzine, and would like fotos of any and all fans to add to the pile. They just sent us a picture of several of their members, and we urge all our readers to send them fotos so they can find out what the rest of fandom looks like. Terrifying, that picture. (Stourbridge & District Circle, c/o Ken Cheslin, 18 New Farm Rd, Stourbridge, Worcs, England). Their USAgent is Don Durward (6033 Garth Ave, Los Angeles 56, Calif) and sub moneys (15¢ per issue, no more than 60¢ accepted at one time) should be sent to him for future issues of LES SPINGE.



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this is the last issue you will receive.

X you are urgently requested to use the enclosed ballots: vote now to send the candidate of your choice to the British Nat'l Convention in the spring of 1960; and vote now in the 1959 FANAC Poll to select the most popular fans, fanzines, etc., for the FAN COMMENDMENTS.

A QUIET FANDOM IS A HAPPY FANDOM DEPT: That's a quote from Dean Grennell, via Phyllis Economou. ##The membership of FAPA has voted to expel from its waiting list applicants William Lance and George Wetzel. This action has been completed, and those persons (or person) are/is now no longer on said w-list. Huzaugh! ##Are you an habitual reader of this last page? Is the change-of-address section more important to you than the Sunday Funny Papers? Then perhaps you'd be interested in our annual compilation of changes-of-address, published by Ron Bennett each January as THE DIRECTORY OF SCIENCE-FICTION FANDOM. He is preparing it now. Send him 25¢ (or 1/9d) for the 1959 DIRECTORY. His address is 7 Southway, Arthurs Avenue, Harrogate, Yorkshire, England. Contribute to TAFF at the same time. ##Absolutely Vile Pro Robert Silverberg and his Guaranteed Fan-Bait-Type Wife Barbara will travel the Continent this summer. Beginning around 20 May 60, they will hit Italy and Austria for a month, and will make stops in Paris and London. ##Bennett, when you send flash-releases like the cover-story about TAFF, will you please send them a day earlier? You'd be horrified at the amount of extra work I had to go to to get that on the front page, because these stencils (with the exception of this one) were cut twelve hours before I got SKYRACK. ##Ken Cheslin, our SADO spy, says British fan have been receiving mysterious letters from the long-quiescent Peking S/F Circle. We don't know whether to believe him or not. He also says Al Rispin visited Stourbridge 28 Nov 59, hitch-hiking. ##And, continues Cheslin, Doc Wier is hospitalized until Christmas due to the same ill-health that caused him to resign his post as sec of the BSFA. ##Fan Jon Stopa is foto-editor of Army publication, STARS AND STRIPES. Shades of Cpl Ack-Ack! ##Bruce Pelz (4010 Leona St, Tampa 9, Fla), who will by the time you read this be on his way to the West Coast (see page 3), says he and 3 anglofen have got together to nominate Atom for the 1960 TAFF race headed back-thisaway, and he is casting about for a fifth fan, somebody stateside. Asked me, he did. I told him yes.

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